

REMARKS

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

A. SUMMARY OF OFFICE ACTION

In the Office Action mailed June 21, 2006, the Examiner:

- (1) rejected claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention;
- (2) rejected claims 1, 2, 4 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ohanian (U.S. Patent No. 6,179,260 B1);
- (3) rejected claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Ohanian reference in view of Lawner, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,390,886);
- (4) rejected claims 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Ohanian reference in view of the Lawner, et al. reference and in further view of Hajianpour (U.S. Patent No. 6,843,456 B1);
- (5) Rejected claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Ohanian reference; and,
- (6) indicated that claims 9 and 10 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd paragraph, and to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

B. SUMMARY OF THIS AMENDMENT

By the current amendment, Applicant:

- (1) cancels claims 2 - 10; and,
- (2) amends claim 1 to correct informalities objected to by the Examiner and to incorporate the amended language of former claims 8, 9 and 10.

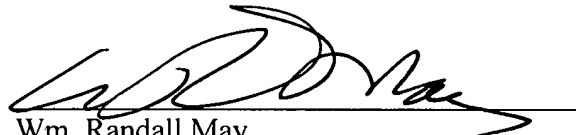
C. FEES

No additional fees are deemed necessary in connection with this Amendment. A Request for Extension of Time (3 months) and accompanying check is also simultaneously transmitted herewith.

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

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